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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/45/903)]

45/258. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/192 of 21 December 1989 on the administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations,

Recalling also its resolution 44/49 of 8 December 1989 on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects,

Recalling further its resolution 45/75 of 11 December 1990, particularly paragraph 13 thereof, on the composition of peace-keeping operations,

Having considered with appreciation the reports of the Secretary-General on the review of the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States, 1/ the support account for peace-keeping operations, 2/ the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of a reserve stock of equipment and supply items for United Nations peace-keeping activities, 3/ the

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1/ A/45/582.

2/ A/45/493.

3/ A/45/493/Add.1.

use of civilian personnel in peace-keeping operations 4/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 5/

Bearing in mind the views expressed by Member States on those reports at its forty-fifth session,

Noting the significant increase in United Nations peace-keeping activities and the resulting increased demands on the human, material and financial resources of the Organization and Member States,

Reiterating its great concern at the extremely difficult financial situation of some of the existing peace-keeping operations and at the heavy burden on troop-contributing States,

Re-emphasizing the need to ensure a sound financial and administrative basis for peace-keeping operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide peace-keeping operations with the necessary financial resources, especially those essential for the start-up of such operations, to enable them to fulfil their mandates in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Continues to urge all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to peace-keeping operations in full and on time, in accordance with their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Affirms the importance of administering peace-keeping operations with the maximum of efficiency and economy;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to improve co-ordination within the peace-keeping-related units in the Secretariat in order to enhance the efficiency of peace-keeping operations and to ensure better communication with States in order to assist the latter in responding promptly to the financial and administrative requirements of the operations, particularly those of the start-up phase;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to make every possible effort to broaden the participation of countries in United Nations peace-keeping operations;

5. Takes note of the observations made by the Secretary-General on the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States, 6/ and

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4/ A/45/502.

5/ A/45/801.

6/ A/45/582, paras. 3 and 6.

the related comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 7/

6. Decides that, as an interim measure, the standard rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States shall be increased by 4 per cent beginning 1 July 1991;

7. Invites States contributing personnel (civilian and military), equipment and services that can afford to do so to consider the possibility of providing them, in whole or in part, on a voluntary basis;

8. Invites States to make voluntary contributions to the United Nations peace-keeping operations both in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/192 A;

9. Takes note of the observations and proposals of the Secretary-General on the technical guidelines relating to the use and operation of the support account for peace-keeping operations, 8/ and approves its establishment effective 1 January 1990, subject to the observations of the Advisory Committee; 9/

10. Also takes note of the proposals of the Secretary-General to establish a reserve stock of commonly used equipment and supply items for United Nations peace-keeping operations, 10/ and concurs with the views of the Advisory Committee in this regard; 11/

11. Endorses the proposals made by the Secretary-General on the use of civilian personnel in peace-keeping operations, taking into account the comments of the Advisory Committee, subject to the policy and criteria of payment to such personnel and the reimbursement to the contributing States being kept under review as recommended by the Advisory Committee; 12/

7/ A/45/801, paras. 8 and 9.

8/ A/45/493, paras. 13, 16 and 17.

9/ A/45/801, paras. 14 and 15.

10/ A/45/493/Add.1, paras. 5 and 7.

11/ A/45/801, para. 30.

12/ Ibid., para. 35.

12. Reiterates its concurrence with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee that standard administrative procedures to govern the provision of civilian personnel in peace-keeping operations should be established, consistent with existing rules and practices and taking into consideration the practical and legal concerns and the experience gained in the newly established peace-keeping operations;

13. Requests the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee to report to the General Assembly, as appropriate, on the presentation of data by troop-contributing States on the rates of reimbursement, the support account for peace-keeping operations, the reserve stock of commonly used equipment and supply items and the use of civilians in peace-keeping operations;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to review the present practices and approaches regarding the calculation of expenditures incurred by the United Nations in the conduct of peace-keeping operations, including the financial arrangements of the Organization with Governments in respect of such calculations, and to report thereon, with recommendations for possible improvements, to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations".

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